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In re application of: Katherine Gordon, Robert J. Leonard

Application No.: 09/932,821

Group No.: 1614

Filed: August 17, 2001

Examiner: Bahar

For: Novel Formulations for Administering Therapeutic Lipophilic Molecules

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO MAINTAIN PARENT CASE WHEN AT THE SAME TIME
FILING NEW APPLICATION CLAIMING ITS BENEFIT

1. The amendment in this case is a *bona fide* attempt by applicant to respond and to advance this application to final action, while at the same time filing a continuation application.

A copy of this amendment and petition is being filed with the papers constituting the filing of the separately filed application.

2. The amendment being filed in this case is attached.

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3. This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2002.

4. Applicant is a small entity.

The statement has already been filed. This status is still proper and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. section 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

5. Extension requested

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. section 1.136 apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of Three months time under 37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a).
(fees: 37 C.F.R. section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)).

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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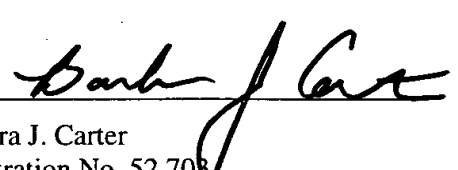
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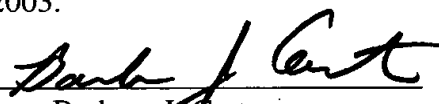
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RESPONSE A

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response to the Office Action of December

17, 2002, and ask that the following amendments be made and arguments be considered